

Remarks

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection set forth in the above-mentioned Official Action in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-15 remain pending in the application, with Claims 1 and 14 being independent. Claims 1-15 have been amended herein.


Applicant notes with appreciation the indication that Claim 14 is allowed and Claims 1-13 and 15 recite allowable subject matter. These claims were objected to, but would be allowable is rewritten to overcome the 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, rejection discussed below.

Claims 1-13 and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite. Without conceding the propriety of this rejection, Applicant has reworded the language questioned by the Examiner. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the § 112, second paragraph, rejection are requested.

Applicant submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration, withdrawal of the rejection set forth in the above-noted Office Action, and an early Notice of Allowability are requested.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark A. Williamson", written over a horizontal line.

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